

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF  
THE PARMA HOSPITAL ACUTE  
REHABILITATION CENTER

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 28, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Parma Hospital Acute Rehabilitation Center, a multifaceted medical center that provides the people of Northeast Ohio with comprehensive physical and cognitive rehabilitation of excellent quality.

The staff at Parma Hospital Acute Rehabilitation Center consists of nurses, social workers, dietitians, pharmacists, psychologists/neuropsychologists and physical, occupational and speech therapists. These professionals work together to create individualized treatment plans for each patient they treat. The Center is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation (CARF) and consistently exceeds national averages with outstanding outcomes for patients undergoing joint replacement, total knee replacement and hip fracture repair. The Center has also been recognized for its exceptional work with stroke patients.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, the Parma Hospital Acute Rehabilitation Center is an invaluable resource for patients in Northeast Ohio. Its individualized approach, cooperation with patients' families, and dedication to returning all patients to independent living at the highest possible level of functioning make the Center an excellent source of quality health care for the people of its community.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE  
VANESSA L. GIBSON

**HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 28, 2011*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Black History Month 2011, I rise today to recognize a lawmaker from the Bronx whom I admire greatly, the Honorable Vanessa L. Gibson.

Vanessa is a lifelong resident of New York City and a product of its public school system. She graduated from Murray Bergtraum High School for Business Careers in 1997 before enrolling in the State University of Albany, where she obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Sociology in 2001. During her senior year as an undergraduate, Vanessa was offered an internship with Assemblywoman Aurelia Greene, a Democrat from the Bronx who would become Vanessa's most trusted friend and mentor.

Vanessa worked for Assemblywoman Greene in every capacity; learning the processes of public service from one of the ablest and most respected lawmakers in the state. Vanessa first served as Assemblywoman Greene's Legislative Analyst, with responsibilities that included drafting policies to meet the needs of residents of the 77th Assembly District. She worked with community based organizations and diverse constituencies to promote laws that offered greater protections for renters and people on Section 8, and im-

proved educational opportunities for young people from the Bronx. In 2003, Vanessa was promoted to Bronx Office District Manager, which increased not only her responsibilities but also her prominence within the community. She became the principal liaison to Community Boards 4 and 5, in addition to Secretary of the Bronx Unity Democratic Club.

In May 2009, Vanessa received her Master's Degree in Public Administration from Baruch College, part of the City University of New York, CUNY. Later that year, with support from across the state, Vanessa ran for public office and was elected to a seat in the New York State Assembly, representing the people of the 77th District, who after nearly a decade of service had come to know and respect and trust Vanessa's judgment.

Mr. Speaker, Vanessa L. Gibson earned her public profile through loyalty, hard work, but above all, on the power of her considerable gifts. Her youth and talent have led many to regard her as one for New York's future; but this should not outshine the fact that Vanessa is also one for New York's present. She is among the most promising in a new wave of elected officials in this country; women and men who learned government from the inside and took away its best lessons; lessons of respect for ethics; of honesty in public dealings; and of fidelity to the best interests of one's constituents. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing a hugely gifted woman, and someone who carries with her the hopes of thousands of New Yorkers, including myself, The Honorable Vanessa L. Gibson.

TRIBUTE TO MARY ANN SUDOVAR

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 28, 2011*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention an outstanding individual and a source of inspiration to many, Mrs. Mary Anne Sudovar, who celebrated her 100th birthday on September 18, 2010.

Born in Shelton, CT, in 1910 as Mary Anne Sullivan, she is the oldest of nine children. As a result of her father's job as a construction foreman in the 1920's, Mary's family was forced to relocate frequently. Consequently, they lived in Massachusetts, North and South Carolina, Virginia, and New Jersey in addition to Connecticut.

Mary's propensity to travel extended outside the United States as well. During her lifetime she has visited France, Egypt, Israel, Rome, and Scotland.

In 1938, Mary was wed to Stephen Sudovar (d. 1998) of Garfield, NJ. Shortly afterwards, the couple moved to Wayne, NJ, where they began to build a life together. Mary and Steve had four children: Marianne, Kathleen, Stephen, and Barbara. Mary has 16 grandchildren and is fortunate enough to also enjoy 16 great-grandchildren with one more on the way.

Mary recalls some of her fondest memories over the past century: walking around Packanack Lake, dancing the Polka with her husband, Steve, storytelling, and relaxing on cool summer evenings.

Today, Mary continues to be the life of the party and constantly has visitors. She serves

as a source of inspiration to her soon-to-be 37 person family with her beautiful smile, encouraging words, and upbeat attitude. When asked about the secrets to a long and healthy life, Mary quickly declared, "Hard work and always managing to smile—regardless of the situation."

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing outstanding members of the community like Anne Mary Sudovar.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Mary's family and friends, the residents of Wayne, NJ, and me in congratulating Mary on her 100th birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 28, 2011*

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I had to return to my district because of the illness and subsequent death of my sister. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 95, 114 and 146 and "nay" on rollcall No. 93, 94, 96–113, 115–145, 147.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF RICHARD  
DISTELHORST

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 28, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Richard Distelhorst, a man who devoted himself to the well being of his community and the nation.

Richard was born on August 24th, 1921 to his loving parents Oscar and Esther Distelhorst. He graduated from Burlington High School in 1939. After graduating he met the love of his life, Virginia. The two married in 1944 and celebrated 60 years together before Virginia's death in 2004. As a young man Richard enlisted in the Marine Corps and served as a master sergeant in the South Pacific during World War II.

His service and devotion to his local community will be remembered by those who knew him. He was a member of his local Kiwanis Club, a grand knight of the Knights of Columbus and chairman of the local Service Corps of Retired Executives. He also dedicated his time to the Burlington Alliance for Citizen Action.

Richard also possessed a passion for politics. He volunteered countless hours for local grass roots political action. He was an active member of the Des Moines County Democrats and was eventually awarded for his service to them by being inducted in the Des Moines county Democrats Hall of Fame in 2006. He worked tirelessly organizing peace rallies, educating the community about pertinent political issues and assisted with the 2004 Kucinich for President Campaign. Additionally, Richard was an active member and senior advisor of the American Monetary Institute (AMI). The director and co-founder of the AMI referred to Richard as one of "the most knowledgeable Americans regarding the workings of the Federal Reserve system."

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please rise with me today in honor and remembrance of a passionate and unwavering individual. Richard will forever be remembered for the hard work and dedication that he committed. I extend my sincerest condolences to his son Daniel and his daughter Rita.

FULL-YEAR CONTINUING  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

SPEECH OF

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 15, 2011*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1) making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes:

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to H.R. 1—legislation introduced by the House Republican majority that would cut over \$60 billion in essential funding to America's communities without making a significant impact on this year's federal deficit.

The number one priority for Congress is to keep America's economic recovery moving forward by creating jobs today and building a foundation for sustained, long-term growth. This will require strategic investments by the federal government in education, infrastructure, research and other areas that promote innovation and enable America to compete in the global economy. Tackling rising federal deficits are also part of the broader economic challenge. Federal deficits must be reduced with "smart cuts" to outdated or unnecessary federal programs including taxpayer-sponsorship of NASCAR, duplicative weapons programs at the Pentagon, and broadcasting to Cuba that never reaches its intended audience. I offered amendments to H.R. 1 to make some of these "smart cuts." Unfortunately, my Republican colleagues voted to protect taxpayer subsidies for NASCAR and instead slashed funding to homeless veterans, heating assistance for the poor, neighborhood schools, road and bridge repair, and hundreds of other critical community investments.

Because H.R. 1 undermines vital services and key long-term investments, professional economists believe the bill will put America's fragile economic recovery at risk. The Economic Policy Institute estimates that enactment of H.R. 1 would result in the destruction of 800,000 jobs nationwide. This week, Goldman Sachs economic forecaster Alec Phillips concluded that the Republicans' budget plan could slow economic growth by up to 2 percent.

If my Republican colleagues were serious about deficit reduction they would support amendments like mine to reduce wasteful programs wherever they occur in the federal government—including the Pentagon. They would end their political fixation on "earmarks" in annual spending bills that totaled \$16 billion last year and instead focus on special interest earmarks in the tax code that cost the government more than \$1 trillion in revenue every year. And if Republicans in Congress really wanted to reduce federal deficits they would

not have voted in December 2010 for a bloated \$858 billion tax cut package that included \$140 billion in tax cuts for the richest 2 percent of Americans—every cent of this package was borrowed and added to federal deficits. I believe it is wrong to ask middle class families to sacrifice the quality of their schools, roads and health clinics so the richest Americans receive a tax cut they do not need.

America's economy recovery and serious federal budget challenges require difficult choices in federal spending and taxation. But difficult choices can be made without threatening economic recovery or undermining the future competitiveness of our nation.

I urge my colleagues to join me in rejecting H.R. 1 and instead, get to work on a budget that will create jobs and lead to renewed economic growth. I was unavailable to vote the following amendments to H.R. 1 because of a longstanding obligation with the Pentagon's National Defense University in the Middle East.

Representative MCCOLLUM (MN) Amendment No. 50: Prohibits funds from being used for the Department of Defense to sponsor NASCAR race cars. Had Representative MCCOLLUM been present to vote she would have voted "yes" on Amendment No. 50.

Representative NADLER (NY)/Representative LEE (CA)/Representative STARK (CA) Amendment No. 232: Would limit funds for military operations in Afghanistan to \$10 billion. Had Representative MCCOLLUM been present to vote she would have voted "no" on Amendment No. 232.

Representative KLINE (MN) Amendment No. 214: Prohibits funds from being used to implement regulations on "Program Integrity: Gainful Employment—New Programs" published by the Department of Education. Had Representative MCCOLLUM been present to vote she would have voted "no" on Amendment No. 214.

Representative PENCE (IN) Amendment No. 11: Prohibits any federal funds from being used by Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc. Planned Parenthood is already prevented by federal law from using federal dollars for abortion services. This amendment takes away the money they use to provide for family planning, birth control, medical and preventive services. Had Representative MCCOLLUM been present to vote she would have voted "no" on Amendment No. 11.

Representative YOUNG (AK) Amendment No. 533: Would block the Environmental Appeals Board from reviewing air pollution permits related to drilling in the Arctic Ocean. Had Representative MCCOLLUM been present to vote she would have voted "no" on Amendment No. 533.

Representative NADLER (NY)/Representative CONYERS (MI)/Representative PAUL (TX)/Representative JONES (NC) Amendment No. 524: Prohibits funds to make a FISA application for an order requiring the production of library circulation records, library patron lists, book sales records, or book customer lists. Had Representative MCCOLLUM been present to vote she would have voted "yes" on Amendment No. 524.

Representative POE (TX) Amendment No. 466: Prohibits funds from being used by EPA to implement and enforce any requirements or issue permits for stationary source emissions of six pollutants that cause smog and global warming. Had Representative MCCOLLUM

been present to vote she would have voted "no" on Amendment No. 466.

Representative REHBERG (MT) Amendment No. 575: Prohibits any funds from being paid to any employee, officer, contractor, or grantee of any department or agency funded by the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and related agencies to implement the Affordable Care Act. Had Representative MCCOLLUM been present to vote she would have voted "no" on Amendment No. 575.

Representative KING (IA) Amendment No. 267: Prohibits any funds from being used to implement any provision of the Affordable Care Act. Had Representative MCCOLLUM been present to vote she would have voted "no" on Amendment No. 267.

Representative KING (IA) Amendment No. 268: Prohibits any funds from being used to pay the salary of employees of any Federal department or agency with respect to implementing any provision of the Affordable Care Act. Had Representative MCCOLLUM been present to vote she would have voted "no" on Amendment No. 268.

Representative EMERSON (MO) Amendment No. 83: Prohibits funds from being used for enforcement of the individual mandate. Had Representative MCCOLLUM been present to vote she would have voted "no" on Amendment No. 83.

Representative KIND (WI) Amendment No. 89: Prohibits a \$147 million payment to the Brazil Cotton Institute for Brazilian farmers, part of an Administration-brokered settlement to avoid retaliation by Brazil pursuant to a WTO ruling in Brazil's favor. Had Representative MCCOLLUM been present to vote she would have voted "yes" on Amendment No. 89.

Representative KIND (WI) Amendment No. 88: Prohibits funds to be used to research, develop, test, evaluate, or procure the Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle or the Surface-Launched Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile program. Had Representative MCCOLLUM been present to vote she would have voted "yes" on Amendment No. 88.

Representative BLACKBURN (TN)/Representative JORDAN (OH) Amendment No. 104: Would cut an additional \$22 billion on top of the \$100 billion in cuts in the CR, reducing Legislative Branch appropriations by an additional 11%, and by reducing all other appropriations by 5.5%, exempting Defense, Homeland Security, and Military Construction-Veterans, and funding for Israel. Had Representative MCCOLLUM been present to vote she would have voted "no" on Amendment No. 104.

Representative BISHOP (NY) Amendment No. 414: Prohibits the use of funds for the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility in Manhattan, Kansas. Had Representative MCCOLLUM been present to vote she would have voted "yes" on Amendment No. 414.

Representative CAMPBELL (CA) Amendment No. 519: Reduces funds by 3.5% for the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security. Had Representative MCCOLLUM been present to vote she would have voted "yes" on Amendment No. 519.

Representative BROWN (GA) Amendment No. 246: Prohibits funds from being used for beach replenishment projects by the Army Corps of Engineers. Had Representative MCCOLLUM been present to vote she would have voted "no" on Amendment No. 246.